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SUBJECT: IAEA-EURATOM VERIFICATION AGREEMENT - FACILITY

- ATTACHMENTS

REF: (A) VIENNA 6201, (B) VIENNA 6312

1. SUMMARY: ON JULY 12, MISSION OFFICERS DISCUSSED THE IAEA-EURATOM VERIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH A HIGH EC PERMDEL OFFICIAL AND ARMANDO BARUFFA, CHIEF ADVISER TO DIRECTOR GENERAL LEN WILLIAMS, DG XVII. A COMBINED REPORT AND A MISSION RECOMMENDATION FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PERMDEL STATED THAT ON JULY 10, DIRECTOR GENERAL WILLIAM SCHLEICHER OF EURATOM SAFEGUARDS MET WITH THE ITALIAN, GERMAN, DUTCH AND BELGIAN DELEGATIONS SINCE ONLY THEIR FACILITIES WOULD BE AFFECTED. DURING THIS MEETING, CONFIDENTIAL

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GERMANY, IN PARTICULAR, INSISTED THAT FACILITY ATTACHMENTS FOR SENSITIVE INSTALLATIONS BE SPECIFIC FOR THAT FACILITY AND NOT GENERAL. THE CONCERN SEEMED TO BE CENTERED ON THE NEED TO PROTECT PROPRIETARY DATA. FOR EXAMPLE, THE GERMAN WAK REPROCESSING CENTER EMPLOYS GENERALLY WELL-KNOWN PROCESSES WHEREAS BELGONUCLEAIRE AND NUKEM USE PROCESSES OVER WHICH THE BELGIAN AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL

SECRECY.

3. THE CONVERSATION WITH ARMANDO BARUFFA SEEMED TO CONFIRM THE PERMDEL STATEMENT. BARUFFA INDICATED THAT DURING A MEETING OF THE ATOMIC QUESTIONS GROUP ON JULY 11, BELGIUM AND GERMANY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE FACILITY ATTACHMENT COMMITMENTS WILL DIVULGE PROPRIETARY DATA AND POSSIBLY IMPEDE ONGOING OPERATIONS IN THE MIXED OXIDE AND FUEL FABRICATION PLANTS.

4. ACCORDING TO THE PERMDEL SOURCE, ITALY, GERMANY AND BELGIUM BELIEVE THAT IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A PRECEDENCE, THE IAEA IS GOING BEYOND WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED BETWEEN THE IAEA AND EURATOM AND WHAT IAEA IS REQUESTING FOR OTHER FACILITIES, NOTABLY THOSE IN THE U.S. THEREFORE, THE EC IS RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE OBLIGATORY IN THE EC BUT NOT IN THE U.S. THE EC MEMBER STATES CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT IF THE IAEA IS TO SEEK TO APPLY NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR FACILITY ATTACHMENTS, IT SHOULD DO SO AS PART OF A CLEAR UNIVERSAL POLICY APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD.

5. BARUFFA INDICATED THAT SEVERAL DIFFERENCES, INCLUDING THOSE HIGHLIGHTED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 ABOVE, WERE DISCUSSED WITH THE MEMBER COUNTRIES AT THE ATOMIC QUESTIONS GROUP MEETING ON JULY 11. DURING THIS SESSION, THE EC
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SOUGHT TO DEVELOP COMPROMISE LANGUAGE FOR SUBMITTAL TO VIENNA. THE LANGUAGE IS NOW BEING REVIEWED BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES AND RESPONSES ARE EXPECTED BY THE END OF JULY 13.

6. BOTH BARUFFA AND THE PERMDEL SOURCE STATED THAT AN EC RESPONSE WILL BE FORWARDED TO VIENNA BY SCHLEICHER BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. THE PERMDEL SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE EC IS HOPEFUL THAT THE RESPONSE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE IAEA BUT IS PREPARED FOR A SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD SESSION IN AUGUST IF NECESSARY. BARUFFA INDICATED THAT, IN HIS OWN VIEW, HE WAS PESSIMISTIC THAT THE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO IAEA (BARUFFA ASKED THAT HIS OPINION BE PROTECTED.)

7. PERMDEL SOURCE HAD THE PERSONAL IMPRESSION THAT IAEA, NOTABLY ROMETSCH, IS TRYING TO GET THE U.S. TO APPLY PRESURE ON BELGIUM AND GERMANY. WE SUGGEST THAT BEFORE INTERVENING WE SHOULD HAVE CLEAR VIEW FROM BONN AND BRUSSELS. WE SHARE THE VIEW OF USMISSION VIENNA (REF A) THAT INQUIRIES AT BONN AND BRUSSELS MIGHT BE USEFUL IN HELPING TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR RESERVATIONS AND BE HELPFUL IN DECIDING WHETHER FURTHER INTERVENTION IS NECESSARY AND IN

FINDING AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE SOLUTION. HINTON

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